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HONGKONG, MAY 10TH, 1906.

Within the last two years nothing was more common in obituaries of distinguished Naval Officers than to find a notice something like the following:—"Distinguished himself in an attack on a fleet of pirate junks in Blue Moon Bay off the coast of Fukien, in reward for which service he was promoted to the command of H.M.S. *Pervious*." Although in the interests of our own commerce when the trade along the China coast was mostly carried on in sailing schooners with small crews, and the pirates who swarmed along the shores and about the numerous inlets were never soothed to capture a foreign vessel when they could take her at a disadvantage, much of the early work of the British fleet in China waters was concerned with the policing of the coast; with the general advent of steamers, it was found possible to throw on the Chinese Government this duty. The duty was accepted, though never with a good grace, and although the coast pirates are now seldom a menace to foreign trade, in many of his old haunts he still flourishes and, under conditions too which point to more or less connivance on the part of the local officials. Such, of course, has been the rule in China ever since the days of the exemplary, if somewhat hazy, "Yao and Shun," and such doubtless will be the case till the advent of the Chinese representative of the supposition St. Tib, whenever he may be. The old proverb in the West states that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand, and here, as in everything else, Chinese practice has from the very beginning of history mocked the feeble love of Europe. In fact for twenty centuries at least China has discovered a way of uniting under the aegis of imperial government the

opposite principles of order and disorder, and by a process of mechanical welding, the secret of which has become hereditary in the official hierarchy, the state still survives. It is true that the life is not a very vigorous one, and only gives evidence of its existence at the extremities of the branches, but to the passer-by who does not care to dismount and view the hollowness of the trunk, the tree looks fairly vigorous; and unless attacked by some unexpected danger from without, and with the assistance of a new prop from time to time charitably fixed under the more dangerous branches, may continue to outwardly exhibit a presentable greenness.

We spoke lately of the manner in which the Kiangsu administration, or certain of its officers, contrived to reconcile in the administration of the Salt Gabelle the seemingly incompatible demands of virtuous disinterestedness and personal profit; and how Peking, in its virtuous indignation at being choused of the direct proceeds of the same Salt Gabelle, contrived, still adhering to the dictates of the ancient sages, to draw its own share of the proceeds. But ancient and profitable for those immediately concerned as may be this principle of sponge and squeeze, for the empire at large it is the acme of extravagance. Doubtless the Court at Peking has not to go to the expense of a Chancellor of the Exchequer, nor has it to keep up an Auditor General with a score of assistants; nor have the provincials interested to give account of the income and expenditure of their districts. In lieu of keeping a staff of regularly appointed and paid subordinates they have, however, to employ an irregular staff of secretaries, writers, thief catchers, jailers, and all the numerous army of hangers-on who festoon about every yamen in the Empire and for the payment of whom there is made no provision, but who are none the less expected to live on their post. Notoriously the Empire rings with the corruption of these hangers-on, who, deprived of any title of office, yet possess the avenues to every yamen. It needs little experience of human nature to forecast the result. Now it is from these pariahs of Chinese society that the ranks of the pirates and salt smugglers are recruited, and the methods of the yamens are closely followed in their organisations. They, too, have their gradations of ranks, their chiefs and their secretaries; their subordinate officials, their police and their guards. They also have an admirably organised detective body whose especial business it is to intermingle with the more quietly disposed in the tea-shops. They have their regular meeting places in the shops and gambling dens, and the unfortunate who has once incurred their enmity is sure sooner or later to be enticed into one these, where he will find himself drawn into some quarrel, which on the face of it looks simple enough and affords little or no cue as to its reason, but the end is nearly always the same; and if the victim escape with his life it is at the expense of leading afterwards a life of terror. For the same reason no one who has ever become compromised will ever again return to honest ways, but finds himself at every turn beset by these instigators of new crime. These things are all perfectly well known to the officials, as are also the leaders personally, but such is the amount of terror inspired that they are permitted to move about openly, no official being bold enough to prefer a charge; and in case of his being arrested on any other charge, a way of escape is always found: either he is actually acquitted of the crime, however heinous, or he finds means through the connivance of his associates, always to be found amongst the underlings of the courts, to effect his escape. To such an extent has this organisation been carried, that even in the outlying portions of the Foreign Settlements at Shanghai, not regularly patrolled by large armed bodies of foreign police, the roads have been practically impossible at night; and those lately who have inadvertently essayed to pass have found the ways guarded by armed men, who have not hesitated to stop them till they have produced sufficient proof that they were not connected with any preventive service. Mysterious shots, too, are not unfrequently heard by residents, who, however, such is the general state of terrorism, think it wiser not to excite danger by enquiring too curiously into the circumstances. Recently cases of mysterious murders, generally of natives, though now and then of a belated foreigner, are reported to the police; but the result is ever the same, and except in the most exceptional case no clue as to the victim or his assailants is ever discoverable. In the case of a native the

Chibion, as in duty bound by the rules of his office, appears the next day to hold an inquest, but some reason for discontinuing the enquiry is nearly always found. Now these facts are notorious, though for many reasons we hear comparatively little of them. The Custom's River Police, whose more especial duty it is to prevent smuggling on the Hwangpu, are utterly helpless. By rare chance they may succeed in capturing a boat with the forbidden article, in which case the loss is made good by native insurance offices, who make no secret of their business; in nearly every case the crews, warned beforehand by their regular spies, succeed in escaping scathless, while the police by distinct orders from the Chinese official in head control of the Customs at the port are strictly forbidden to use firearms. Now, although it is only right to state that smuggling has in all ages, owing partly to the want of any efficient protective organisation, been rampant in China, it is also the case that within the last year, and markedly since the present officials have been appointed, that it has so far enlarged its operations as to have become an actual danger. The remarkable thing about it all is that while these things are not denied by the Chinese authorities themselves, it is to the very men under whose jurisdiction this very dangerous condition of affairs has grown up that we owe most of the recent complaints against the introduction of foreign capital, and the hardships to which China has to submit in not being permitted to exercise her own methods of jurisdiction over foreign residents.

Of the thirteen plague cases recorded yesterday, eight were fatal.

H.M.S. *Monmouth*, bound for China, took the whole crew of the cruiser *Donegal* when that vessel returned for repairs.

The sixth congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire will be held on July 10-13th. Resolutions for the final edition of the programme must be sent in by colonial chambers not later than June 15.

The Mitsui Busau Kaishi has obtained the privilege of supplying the Chinese Government with arms. The firm will carry on the business with a capital of 250,000 taels, and have already established a head office at Shanghai.

The American Vice-Consul, Mr. W. Grady, who has been in charge of the Consulate at Hongkong for some time, leaves for America by the s.s. *Siberia*. The new Consul-General, Mr. Waller, takes over office in the course of a few days.

Mr. E. C. Wilks, of Messrs. Wilks and Jack, leaves for the scene of the wreck of the steamer *M. S. S. S. S.* to-day. This firm of engineers recently purchased the wreck, and Mr. Wilks is visiting it to see what prospect there is of getting the vessel off the rocks.

Mr. Frank Cochrane, formerly with the Dallas, so well known to Hongkong theatregoers, is playing in "Brigadier Gerard" at the Imperial Theatre. Although he has a minor part, it is something to be playing with Lewis Waller and Evelyn Millard.

Bridge Whist, for all its popularity, is, in the form which we know it, the youngest of all card games. The rules of the game, according to R. F. Foster, in his preface to his book "Foster's Complete Bridge," were first printed and published in London in 1880, under the title of "British or Russian Whist."

In the collision between the steamers *Shun Lee* and *Ho Cheng* in the West river, both vessels received considerable damage. The extent of the *Shun Lee's* is estimated at \$1,500, her stem and upper structure being badly damaged, while the damage to the *Ho Cheng* is put down at \$6,000. Both vessels have been docked for repairs.

Mr. Thurston, whose magical performances have been exciting the wonder and admiration of crowded houses at the theatre since Saturday, announces his last three nights. We are asked to draw attention to the announcement that commencing with to-night there will be a change of programme and Miss Maud Amber will sing some new songs.

Miss Hastings, a young equestrienne, had rather an exciting experience on Tuesday afternoon at Causeway Bay, when the pony she was riding took fright and bolted. The child was unable to manage the animal, so let go the reins and clung tightly to the saddle, at the same time calling to passers-by to stop her. Fortunately, she kept her seat until the pony drew up at the gate of Mr. Jardine's residence, and her presence of mind saved her from injury.

The Eastern freight war is averted. It is announced that the threatened trouble in the Eastern trade, owing to the Clan Line berthing steamers for Karachi and the Ellerman-Hall and City Lines seeking cargo for Colombo and Madras, has been averted. The new arrangement includes the withdrawal of the Hall and City Lines from the threatened encroachment on one another's trade after the first steamer of each company has sailed. Consequently all reduced quotations have been withdrawn, and the former freight rates are again in force.

A number of missionary societies in England joined in presenting Duke Tse-tee and his Mission with bibles and an address. The Chinese priests at Hongkong seem to have missed an opportunity: they should have tried to convert Prince Arthur of Connaught when he came as a guest.

Last year (1905) was a record year for shipping at Yokohama. The vessels engaged in foreign trade only, entered and cleared, nearly touched the three million tons mark. The previous highest was in 1903, when the tonnage was two and a half millions. In addition there were about 1,750,000 tons of domestic trade entered and cleared.

A duel with swords has taken place between M. Luminier, director of the *Academie de Tonkin*, and M. Laumont, of the *Courrier d'Haiphong*. In the first encounter the former was slightly wounded on the right arm, after which the adversaries became reconciled on the ground. They had quarreled over a newspaper controversy.

According to a Peking telegram, the Chinese Foreign Office has replied through the Japanese Minister to the Japanese Note regarding the opening of Mukden and other places in Manchuria. The reply stated that although the Chinese Government was inclined to open those places without delay, yet it would be impossible to do so on the dates fixed by the Japanese Government, according to the reports of the Peking Minister and the Mukden General.

Dioner was a little late. A guest asked the hostess to play something. Seating herself at the piano, the good woman executed a Chopin nocturne with precision. She finished, and there was still an interval of waiting to be bridged. In the grim silence she turned to an old gentleman on her right and said, "Would you like a sonata before dinner?" He gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Why, yes, thanks!" he said. "I had a couple on my way here, but I think I could stand another".

Randolph Milburn, a music teacher of Washington, Ohio, was recently arrested, for appearing in the streets dressed in woman's clothes. He declared that as a certain Dr. Mary Walker allowed to wear man's apparel he was entitled to wear skirts. After consulting legal authority, it was ascertained that the laws of Ohio permit a man to wear what he likes, providing he makes no attempt at deception regarding his sex. To obviate further trouble, Milburn, while promenading in woman's attire, now bears a large silver badge, inscribed "Randolph Milburn. I am a man." This description apparently satisfies the local authorities.

The example set by the Japanese after their war with China in teaching their troops the principles of sanitation is now being followed at Aldershot, where a school of sanitation has just been attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps. For the purpose of training men in every arm of the service to supervise the sanitary arrangements in camp and to attend to the purification of the water supply. Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Firth, who was professor of hygiene at the Royal Army Medical College in London, has been appointed instructor at the school. Since the Japanese instructed their troops in sanitation sickness in their ranks in camp has been reduced to a minimum.

Amateur actors (it is useless to appeal to professionals) should remember that the chief fascination of the theatre is the illusion. In order to enjoy the play the audience should lose sight of the personality of the actor and thoroughly identify him with the part which he is playing. Sometimes the curtain goes down upon a thrilling scene in which the actor is marched off to his doom. Then there is a call for his appearance and he comes before the curtain, bows, smiles and makes a speech, then goes back to take his part in the play; and the curtain goes up showing him in prison or about to be executed. The illusion is clean gone and the romance of the play is destroyed. The same bad effect follows the local habit of publicly presenting bouquets over the footlights.

It is curious to observe that one of the very charges most frequently made against English business men is brought in the New York Evening Post by an old resident of Japan, an American, against his fellow-countrymen. He asks why it is that the American banks, the leading American commercial houses in China and Japan—with an occasional exception such as the Standard Oil Company—are managed by non-Americans. The answer he propones is that it is because the Americans are too busy "hustling" in their own narrow-minded, hide-bound fashion, to study the languages of these countries and to adapt themselves to the conditions of the Far East. Englishmen and Germans, he declares, are "skimming the cream from this most productive pail," because they are willing, as Americans are not, to take some trouble to meet the needs of the market.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Aitkin and Officers, the Band of the 10th Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 10th May, 1906 (weather permitting):—

March..... "El Capitan"..... Sousa

Overture..... "Le Dieu et la Bataille"..... Auter

Waltz..... "Il Bacio"..... Ardet

Selection..... "Veronique"..... Massenet

Song..... "The Song you sang to me"..... Molloy

Two Step..... "Dixie"..... Barnes

Irish Dance..... "Red Fish on Toast"..... D'Envers

Soup-Cheese Entrees..... "Roast Woodcock on Toast"..... Apic

Mutton Cutlets and Potato Chips..... "Roast Australian Ribs of Beef and Horseradish Sauce"..... French

Sausage..... "Roast Veal and Potatoes"..... Leg of Mutton

Salad..... "Mixed Vegetables"..... Baked Potatoes

Bacon and Eggs..... "Victoria Pudding"..... Strawberry

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KAISER TO VISIT VIENNA.

LONDON, May 9th.

The German Emperor is expected to visit the Austrian capital on the 6th of June.

ASSASSINATION IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 9th.

General Ignatief has been assassinated.

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POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, May 9th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A COOKS' QUARREL.

A senior cook was charged with assaulting a junior member of the profession at a house in Third Street, West Point, on Tuesday.

From the evidence it appears that the young man had been telling the old one that he was not skilful in the art of self-defence. Later, a quarrel arose, and the old cook attacked the young one with a hatchet, inflicting severe wounds about the head and face. The young man retaliated with a log of wood, with which weapon he did considerable damage. The fight was stopped by the police, who removed the cook to hospital.

The case against the older cook was called before his Worship and adjourned until the 11th instant.

A REHEARING GRANTED.

On the 7th instant a lukong charged a Chinese woman with hawking goods without a licence at West Point. She denied the charge, and her grandson, who accompanied her to Court in the long robe which betokens gentility, also denied it, saying that he supported his grandmother. His Worship dismissed the case, and recommended the police to consider what action they would take against the constable.

Yesterday Sergeant Gordon arrested the grandson, who was hawking goods in Second Street without a licence.

IGNORANT OF THE LAW.

M. Schubart, a passenger by the s.s. *Suzon*, was charged at the instance of Inspector Gourley with being in possession of a revolver and ammunition without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Sergeant Cooper, who was on duty in Ship Street on Tuesday night, said a girl told him a European was in her house with a revolver. He accompanied her to the house, where he saw the defendant, who denied having the weapon. The Sergeant searched him, found a loaded five chamber revolver in one of his pockets, and arrested him. He was taken to No. 2 Police Station, and allowed out for the night on bail of £25.

On appearing before his Worship he said he was ignorant of the laws of the Colony as he had just arrived by the s.s. *Suzon*.

His Worship inflicted a fine of £10, and ordered that the revolver and ammunition be confiscated.

REMOVING THE DEAD.

Inspector Gourley charged a coolie woman with removing a dead body without a permit from the Medical Officer of Health.

P.C. 156 said that while on duty at Quon's Road East in the early hours of Tuesday morning he saw a woman carrying a bundle on her back. On approaching she dropped it and attempted to run away. He overtook her, and on returning to the bundle and examining it, found that it contained a body. The defendant then offered the constable a bribe of £1 with which to drink tea, if he would let her go. She was taken to the Police Station, where she admitted that the body was that of her 12 year old son.

The case was remanded in order that the body might be examined, and the woman was admitted to bail in the sum of £50.

ARMED ROBBERY.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson applied on behalf of the Chinese Government for the extradition of Wong Tong, who is alleged to have committed the crime of armed robbery within the jurisdiction of China.

Mr. Hanson said the witnesses who appeared in support of the application were from the prefec-

tural city of Kwung Ning, a district to the north-west of Canton. The robbery was said to have taken place on the morning of September 28th, 1904. It appeared that a large number of robbers besieged the city, the minister in charge of which shut the gates and prevented their entering. The brigands, however, set to work in the outside districts and looted numerous shops, one of which the two witnesses kept. The robbers, who were armed, did not hurt anybody, but took everything valuable out of the shop.

After hearing the evidence his Worship committed the defendant to goal pending the Governor's order.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

H. F. Hammer, who was arrested on warrant by Detective-Sergeant Watt, appeared before his Worship on a charge of embezzlement alleged to have been committed by him at Tang Tse in Tsingtau.

Dr. Kruger, German Consul, said he would withdraw the charge if the defendant promised to return to Shanghai.

The defendant intimated his willingness to return, and the case was dismissed.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 9th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has risen generally except over Western Japan, where the shallow depression is now lying.

Pressure remains high over E. Japan, and slightly in excess of the normal over China.

Moderate N.E. and E. winds, are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and over the N. part of the China.

Forecast:—Moderate E. winds, cloudy, in isty.

THE FIGHTING IN NATAL.

The following early April despatches to the Times give some idea of what is going on now. Colonel Loucheur reported: "I proceeded at half-past 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with 100 men of the Umvoti Rifles down the Impenzi Valley, meeting the chief Sibindi with about 1,000 of his followers. It was then too late to penetrate the fastnesses of Bambata's stronghold. The country traversed was exceedingly rough, stony, and precipitous. Many deserted kraals have been burned. A few cattle were soon taken. Sibindi captured two prisoners, and the Umvoti Rifles shot one armed spy who was trying to escape. With the above exceptions the enemy were invisible all day."

It is officially announced (Apr. 8th) that Bambata crossed the Tugela into Zululand at 5 o'clock last evening, and is presumed to be making for the Nkandla forest. The whole force of Mauso's police is in pursuit, assisted by 50 Kraatzkop Militia Reserves. The Esboulo Mountain Rifles and the Nkandla Reserves, with all the available police in the Nkandla district, under Sub-Inspector Fothergill, are co-operating from the Zululand side.

The magistrate of Nkandla has been instructed to arm all the natives in the district to assist in Bambata's capture. The natives are responding to the call.

The captured regent escaped from Bambata yesterday at noon and is now in the Kranzkip magistrate. He shows marks of rough treatment.

The magistrate at Weenen reports that two of Bambata's tribes were despatched at noon yesterday to solicit aid from the chief Silwane, who, however, arrested the men and forwarded them to the magistrate.

The previous report of the recovery of Sergeant Brown's body was premature, but the body has now been found and has been buried.

Some with Leuenars' force died.

Bambata on his flight into Zululand stopped at a local kraal nine miles from Greytown and compelled the chiefs and their sons to follow him. According to natives, one of Diniuzulu's adherents is with the rebel chief, but this statement must be accepted with reserve. Bambata is accompanied in his flight into Zululand by a bodyguard of 70 warriors. The bulk of Bambata's followers remain in their stronghold, but over 100 kraals have already been reduced to ruins. If the rebels do not surrender Sibindi will be sent in his impi to fight them.

Large quantities of cattle and goats have been captured. Many isolated parties of rebels have been encountered and shot by the patrols operating in the Impenzi Valley, while many prisoners have been made. Several of Bambata's chief indunas among these killed during the past 48 hours.

THE GERMAN HOTEL DISASTER.

A GRIM COINCIDENCE.

The Lokalzeitung published additional details of the hotel collapse telegraphed by one London correspondent. The proprietor of the Deern Inn, Herr Klein, had entrusted a builder with the task of raising the entire building four feet, so as to make it fit for the American style.

The work was commenced at seven o'clock in the morning, and finished at no noon, when the house seemed to be firmly established on its new supports. The innkeeper arranged a banquet to celebrate the occasion, and 300 people assembled. Dinner was served at one o'clock, and a few minutes after two o'clock the collapse occurred, and 200 were buried beneath the ruins. Up to April 5th 75 dead bodies had been recovered.

Another account of the disaster stated that the number of persons killed by the collapse of the hotel Zum Hirsch was stated to be forty-nine. Many of the seriously injured, stated to be number fifty, were also in a critical condition. About two hundred guests had responded to the landlord's invitation, and the work of raising the building was still in progress when the company sat down to table. The workmen noticed a large crack, and operations were immediately stopped but the building without warning collapsed with a deafening crash amid clouds of dust. By a grim coincidence the landlord was at the moment of the disaster proposing the health of the architect.

About twenty persons succeeded in escaping through the rubbish and dust out of the windows.

The dead include the local pastor, whose wife was seriously injured, and the landlord's wife.

Firemen worked all night by torchlight extricating the victims. The work was most dangerous, as beams and blocks of stone were continually toppling over. A great crowd of weeping and shrieking women surrounded the scene of the catastrophe.

The King of Wurttemberg telephoned his sympathy.

Mr. von Pischek, Minister of the Interior, arrived at Nagold soon afterwards.

OPENING OF TWO MORE JAPANESE PORTS.

In addition to the six large open ports there were only one or two ports opened to foreign trade in Japan until 1890, when Shimizu, of Suruga, and 21 other ports were additionally opened. Afterwards, Itosaki, Bingo province, and Wakamatsu, Chikuzen province, were also opened, exceeding the original number by 20 in all. The continued improvements in traffic and progress of foreign trade have now necessitated the opening of two more ports. In the Official Gazette, Imperial Ordinance No. 39 was proclaimed, under date of March 28th declaring the ports of Suminoya, Hizen province, and Aomori, Mu su province, open to foreign trade. The former is opened to export trade only and the latter to import trade. As in the case of Muroran, goods to be imported at Aomori are limited to sugar, comestibles, rails, agricultural and industrial instruments and two or three articles besides articles free from duty.

According to the Imperial Ordinance, any of the existing 21 open ports may be closed, if its opening is recognized to be unnecessary in the future when any other port has been newly opened in the neighbourhood upon further improvement of traffic.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Wakasa Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe via Moji and Keelung for this port on the 4th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 13th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Yaeada Maru* (European Line) left Kobe via Moji and Nagasaki for this port on the 8th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 15th inst.

The E.A. str. *Cambodia* left Singapore on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 16th inst.

The I.G.M. str. *P. R. Lustdorf*, which left here on the 11th ult., arrived at Genoa on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m.

The U.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 8th inst.

JAPANESE SHIPPING COMBINE.

PROPOSED WIDESpread OPERATIONS.

Consul-General Miller, of Yokohama, forwards to the Washington Department of Commerce details of the Japanese shipping combine's plans for covering some of the most profitable trade routes. He states that the vessels of over 1,000 tons in the union number 102 aggregating 282,747 tons, and the capital stock is fixed at £22,000,000. The annual coal consumption will reach 750,000 tons, and the insurance on the vessel amounts to nearly as much as the capital stock.

It is proposed to distribute the ships as follows:—12 on the Kobe-Otaru-Sagami line; 12 on Yokohama-Mojo line; three on Yokohama-Muroran-Kushiro line; four on Sasebo-China line; 10 on Kobe-North China line; three on Kobe-Vladivostok line; four on Kobe-Taipei line; four on Kobe-Shanghai line; four on Shanghai-North China line; eight on Chfoo-Vladivostok line; eight on Yokohama-Philippines line; and eight on Japan-China-India line.

On the Yokohama-Philippines line about 3,500 tons, with a speed of 10 knots or more, will be employed, while on the Japanese services those of 3,500 to 5,000 tons, with a speed of about 11 knots, are to be used. It is expected that the Government will grant subsidies on these two lines.

It is further reported that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has obtained permission from the Government for its steamers to call at Shindzuwa Harbour, Shindzuwa Ken, twice a month for five months a year to take shipments of tea for direct export to America instead of through Yokohama. The minimum quantity of tea required is 35,000 boxes per year.

CHINESE LABOUR.

In the Nineteenth Century Sir William des Vœux, the famous Colonial administrator, gives the outcome of his experience in indentured coolie labour, which is probably unique, as he has been intimately concerned with the system in British Guiana, St. Lucia, Trinidad, and Fiji, and has, moreover, seen much of Chinese coolies, not only in those colonies, but in Hong Kong and China. After reviewing the whole case from many points of view Sir William comes to the following conclusion:

"Thus, though by no means favourable to Chinese introduction, when the idea of it was first mooted, I, in full consideration of the circumstances, have somewhat reluctantly acquired complete conviction that, if retained under strict Imperial control, the system of Chinese indentured labour should be allowed to continue and that, as the mere fear of its threatened ending has paralysed trade and enterprise in South Africa, the realisation of that fear would prove disastrous; in fact, I foresee from this measure of exclusion, if such should不幸ly be carried into effect a complete predominance of the Boer in the Transvaal as well as in the Orange Colony, which, suppose to obtain an old gown to cut by, and requiring only the assistance of one of the women of the royal court as a lady figure upon which the gown was shaped finally.

The gown was made, according to the ladies of the court, during a visit of the royal family to Peña castle, the country palace of the king and queen, late in February. King Carlos is an ardent hunter and sportsman, and during the stay at Peña he and the gentlemen of his court are in the field a great portion of the time, so the queen devoted the days to making the gown.

The material of the "suit"—as Americans would call it—is a fine lined medium weight cloth of French manufacture, and the colour is a shade darker than champagne colour, the trimming effects being accomplished by the use of gold thread.

In other words, that British supremacy in South Africa depends on our position in the Transvaal, and that our position in the Transvaal depends on the supply of labour to the mines.

THE JAPANESE REVIEW.

A COSTLY PAGEANT.

Alluding to next day's review, the Japan Chronicle of April 29th said:—

The sum of £60,000 has been set aside out of the special war fund to cover the cost of the review, and half of this will be spent upon the transport and accommodation of the troops, representatives and detachments from various army divisions in the provinces. There have also been invited to Tokyo a large number of officers and civil officials, and also officers of the naval squadrons in the Far East representing the Treaty Powers. The expenditure incurred in Tokyo will probably exceed the amount appropriated, which is considered to be rather under the sum that will actually be spent by the Government on this great occasion.

The day of the review will be marked by a departure from Imperial etiquette that is commented upon in the Japanese Press. Both the Emperor and Empress will ride from the Palace to the Aoyama Parade Ground in the same carriage, instead of, as hitherto, his Majesty riding alone, a concession to Western custom that is worth remarking.

FRENCH INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN CHINA.

H. E. Liu Shao-nien, Governor of Kuangsi province, has sent a dispatch to the Wei-wu-pu charging the French from Tongking with promiscuously invading non-treaty towns in Kuangsi and establishing houses and godowns in them, even going so far as to purchase secretly land from private individuals without the authorisation of the local officials, all of which are in violation of the Chinese treaties with France. The Governor asks the Wei-wu-pu to lodge a strong protest with the French Government and states that he himself intends to address the French Consul in Kuangsi, the provincial capital, at the same time he suggests to come to the French Government by which a limit must be set to the number of French troops quartered at present in the treaty port of Lungshou, near the Kuangsi-Tongking borders. These troops, by the way, were introduced into Kuangsi when the recent insurrection that province was at its height, two years ago on the plea that they were necessary for the protection of French trade in that port of Chungking.

The dressmaker-doctor-nurse-queen is the daughter of the Count of Paris, and it was during her early life in England, before she became the bride of the prince, who three years later became King Charles I, that she learned dressmaking. It is known that she interested herself in home arts as a young girl, and it is believed that she learned something of the dressmaking art from one of her servants in England. —San Francisco Chronicle.

RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA.

It is stated that the Manchuria Exploitation Commission, presided over by General Baron Kodama, has met several times, but the questions discussed did not extend beyond matters relating to the railways in Manchuria. As a matter of course, the railway between Chouguan and Port Arthur, formerly belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company, will be forthwith reconstructed. But it is not yet decided whether the gauge shall be the ordinary wide gauge or the peculiar Russian one, though there are indications that the ordinary wide one will be adopted. The cost of reconstruction has been already roughly estimated. The section of the railway north of Changtin was so completely destroyed by the Russians on their withdrawal, that it is more proper to say that Japan has to construct a new railway than reconstruct an old.

His Lordship announced to the jury who were empanelled to try the cases on the list that the commissioners had come to this country to learn something of our customs, and particularly our law. They had, therefore, come into the court to see the jury, the barristers, and how the work was done.

Unfortunately, the Chief Commissioner, his Lordship continued, found our climate too trying, and had been seized by the unwholesome effects of our atmosphere, especially the smoke, and was obliged to lie-up.

The judge then carefully explained to the Chinese gentleman, who were accommodated on the Benbow, the case which he and the jury were going to try, and in the proceedings which followed the Commissioners evinced great interest.

CHINESE IN COURT.

COMMISSIONERS STUDY A TRIAL BY JURY.

Mr. Justice Grantham brought into his court in the King's Bench Division last month four members of the Chinese Commission at present in this country.

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ABOUT QUEEN AMELIA OF PORTUGAL.

FOR LADY READERS.

Queen Amelia of Portugal, the most beautiful queen in the world and one of the most talented of women, has made a dress for herself for spring wear—a dress which, while they are patterning after it, the dressmakers of Europe, especially of Paris and London, jealously declare that the queen adapted from a pattern in a Parisian fashion journal. This statement is denied vigorously by the queen's ladies, who declare she designed it out, and draped it herself.

Whether or not the queen evolved the entire gown or adapted it from some pattern, no one dares ask her majesty, and even those who charge her with plagiarism of the gown are copying it for the spring and early summer wear, especially in Great Britain, where the spring is later.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1906. [1054]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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"ROUN," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 15th May will be subject to rest.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 15th May, at 9.30 A.M.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1906. [1055]

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THE SECOND MEETING of the SEASON will be held at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, the 12th inst., commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for other than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The COMMITTEE invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

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C. G. MACKIE,
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

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By Order, W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary,

Council Room, Shanghai, 1st May, 1906. [1033]

INTIMATIONS.

CLUB GERMANIA.

NOTICE.

T HE NINTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the CLUB GERMANIA, will be held in the Club House, on TUESDAY, the 15th May, 1906, at 6 P.M.

By Order, C. W. HEUSER,

Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, 5th May, 1906. [1019]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

D R. SWAN HAS REMOVED from No. 7, Alexandra Buildings to 18, BANK BUILDINGS, 1st Floor, next to Shanghai Life Insurance Co. Hongkong, 4th May, 1906. [1012]

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WM. SCHMIDT & CO.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1902. [693]

RATES OF EXCHANGE AT HONGKONG.

FOR DEMAND DRAFTS ON BOMBAY,

On the Day Preceding the Departure of the English Mail from the Year of the Closing of the Indian Mint to the Free Coinage of Silver.

FROM 1893 TO 1905;

ALSO

RATES FOR SOVEREIGNS, GOLD LEAF, BAR SILVER (from 1900), and other Useful Information.

PRICE: \$1 CASH.

On Sale at the "DAILY PRESS" Office, or Local Booksellers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1906. [1073]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE SECOND MEETING of the SEASON will be held at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, the 12th inst., commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for other than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The COMMITTEE invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Post Entries will be accepted for except Nos. 2 and 4.

C. G. MACKIE,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1906. [1052]

NOTICE.

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

T HE Undersigned has received instructions to sell for Account of the Concerned at his SALES ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street,

TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 10th May, 1906, at 2.30 P.M.

2 VALUABLE STAMP COLLECTIONS, also a Few Hundred SETS of STAMPS.

TERMS.—As usual.

F. KIENE,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1906. [1015]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

T HE Undersigned has received instructions to sell for Account of the Concerned at his SALES ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street,

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 11th May, 1906, at 2.30 P.M.

A QUANTITY of FURNITURE,

comprising—

WARDROBES (Boiled Glass), DRESSING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, BEDSTEADS, ICE BOXES, CARPETS, OVER-MANTELS, FILTER, CHAIRS, SITTING ROOM SUITE, TABLES, SHANGHAI TUB, OFFICE DESKS, COPYING PRESS and Miscellaneous Goods.

TERMS.—As usual.

F. KIENE,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1906. [1016]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

T HE Undersigned has received instructions to sell for Account of the Concerned at his SALES ROOMS, No. 2, Zetland Street,

TO-SATURDAY, the 12th May, 1906, at 2.30 P.M.

A QUANTITY of FURNITURE,

comprising—

WARDROBES (Boiled Glass), DRESSING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, BEDSTEADS, ICE BOXES, CARPETS, OVER-MANTELS, FILTER, CHAIRS, SITTING ROOM SUITE, TABLES, SHANGHAI TUB, OFFICE DESKS, COPYING PRESS and Miscellaneous Goods.

TERMS.—As usual.

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS,
NAGASAKI.
CODE WORD: "DOCK."
A.I., A.B.C., and Engineering Code Used
NEW DOCK NOW OPEN.

DOCK No. 3.

Extreme Length... 722 feet.
Length on Blocks... 714 "
Width of Entrance on Top... 98 "
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 88 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 34 "

DOCK No. 1.

Extreme Length... 523 feet.
Length on Blocks... 513 "
Width of Entrance on Top... 89 "
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 264 "

DOCK No. 2.

Extreme Length... 371 feet.
Length on Blocks... 356 "
Width of Entrance on Top... 66 "
Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53 "
Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 22 "

PATENT SLIP.

Suitable for vessels up to 1,000
Tons.
THE WORKS are well equipped with
THE LATEST PLANTS and APPLI-
ANCES to undertake BUILDING or
REPAIRING SHIPS, ENGINES, and
BOILERS; and also ELECTRICAL
WORK.
A LARGE STOCK of MATERIAL is
always kept on hand.
The COMPANY has the powerful steamer
"OURA-MARU" (712 tons, 700 I.H.P.)
especially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES
Equipped with necessary gear always ready
Short Notice.

BANKS

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL
CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 5,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Amoy Kobo Tainan
Amling Nagasaki Tamsui
Osaka Tokyo Yokohama
Foochow Shanghai Yokohama
Keelung

HONGKONG OFFICE:
3 DES VŒUX ROAD.

Interest allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received on terms which may be learned
on application.

S. EHIGENAGA, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st November 1904. 1904

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1857.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £300,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS ... £300,000
RESERVE FUND ... £375,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at
the rate of 2½ per annum on the Daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.

" " 3 " 3½ "

T. P. COCHINEAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. 114

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION**

Paid Up Capital ... \$10,000,000
Reserve Fund ... \$10,000,000
Sterling Reserve ... \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve ... \$10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

Court of Directors:
A. Haupt, Pres-Chairman.
Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson—Deputy Chairman.
E. Goetz, Esq.
C. R. Horzmann, Esq.
G. H. Medhurst, Esq.
D. M. Nissim, Esq.
A. J. Raymond, Esq.

Chief Manager
Hongkong—J. R. M. Smith

Manager:
Shanghai—H. E. R. Hunter.

London Bankers—London and County
Banking Company, Limited.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per
Cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. Smith,
Chief Manager

Hongkong, 4th April, 1906. 23

**INTERNATIONAL BANK-
CORPORATION.**

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China
the Philippines Islands and the
Republic of Panama.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
AUTORISED ... \$ Gold \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP ... " Gold \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUND ... " Gold \$3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE: New York.

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Branches and Agents all over the World.
LONDON BANKERS.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND
LIMITED,

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK,
LIMITED.

BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

The Corporation transacts every description
of Banking and Exchange business, receives
money in Current Account and accepts Fixed
Deposits at the following rates:

For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

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" 3 " H. PINCKNEY,
Manager.

Queen's Road, Central,
Hongkong, 20th September, 1905. 942

BANKS

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.**

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... £21,500,000
SUBSCRIBED ... 1,125,000
PAID-UP ... 662,500
RESERVE FUND ... 135,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at
the rate of 2½ per annum on the Daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 months 4½ "

" 6 " 4½ "

" 3 " 3½ "

E. ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1906. 26

BRAIN WORK AND LONG LIFE.

A writer in the *Medical Times* of New York
deals with the subject of brain work and
longevity, and in the course of his article writes
as follows:

"In the English rural districts probably one
third of the agricultural labourers who survive
the age of thirty or thirty-five die of paresis.
The other stagnation of agricultural com-
munities in England, and to some extent in
other countries," states the *New York Times*,
"may account in the same measure for the
development of paresis in those past middle
life and for insanity among women. It is
fortunate that in the American rural districts,
at least, the deadly insanity to which many
of the farmer folk in other generations have
succumbed, seems now to have become obviated
by the welcome establishment in every nook
and corner of the land of the library, the ten cent
magazine, the telephone, and the trolley-car.
The brain needs blood to keep it in
health; and thinking induces the free circula-
tion of blood through the brain tissues. A
normal brain should never be permitted to rest
except during sleep. Dr. Duke advises that
everyone should have a hobby, to which he
should devote what would otherwise be his
leisure. And this not in a casual and dilate-
way, but earnestly and with much interest.
Professional men should study what or chess
problems, or should cultivate purely intellectual
pursuits. Besides, one who consumes surplus
time in intense mental application has more to
use in the formation of bad habits, or the
gratification of vice."

"In one respect at least the man of intellectual
capacity and pursuits is much better off than
his brother who works with his hands. In the
realm of manual labour the pitiful dictum seems
well established that at forty the labourer is a
dead one; he must not hope for employment
or a wage after that period. The intellectual
man, however (despite the expression of a famous
colleague), maintains the vigour of his mind
unabated almost until he is ready to step into
his grave; and if by this means he gains his
livelihood, then need he not fear the lack of
employment or entombed even though his
years be far advanced."

HONGKONG MAY ENVY.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for
collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of
credit on its Branches and Correspondents in
the East, on the Continent, and in Great
Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts
Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2% per annum on daily
balances.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4½ per annum.

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L. ENGEL, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1906. [526]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

**THE BUSINESS of the above Bank is con-
trolled by the HONGKONG AND SHANG-
HAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules
may be obtained on application.**

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½
Per Cent. per annum.

Deposits may transfer at their option
balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed or FIXED
DEPOSIT AT 4 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. 24

DEUTSCHE-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP ... Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin, Calcutta, Hankow, Peking,
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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANGLO SAXON, British str., 2,671, Charles Moore, 8th May—Cardiff 16th Mar., Coal—Order.
ESKDALE, British str., 2,905, G. W. Duff, 8th May—Moji 2nd May, General—A. M. Esselby.
HUCHEW, British str., 1,300, Wm. B. Brown 9th May—Tientsin and Choo, 29th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.
LAHNGO, British str., 3,460, P. M. B. Lake, 9th May—Calcutta 24th April and Singapo 3rd May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MACHEV, German str., 1,600, H. Harjes, 9th May—Bangkok 1st May, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
MANILA, British str., 2,711, A. W. Anderson, R.N.R., 9th May—Yokohama 24th April, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
MATSAK, British str., 1,641, R. Houghson, 8th May—Sandakan 3rd May, Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ROON, German str., 5,034, G. Meiners, 9th May—Hamburg 29th March & Singapore 4th May, Mail and General—Melchers & Co.
THOMAS, Norwegian str., 1,896, F. Joger, 8th May—Kuchington 1st May, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
WAHWA, British str., 1,167, W. Brown, 9th May—Singapore 3rd May, General—Chow.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
May 9th.
Gachan, British str., for Shanghai.
Glenfalloch, British str., for Amoy.
Hucchin, British str., for Canton.
Lester, British str., for Saigon.
Marita, British str., for Singapore.
Yachar, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

May 9th.
ANCHISES, British str., for Saigon.
ANGUS, German str., for Swatow.
APENFADE, German str., for Hoiang.
BELLEROPHON, British str., for Singapore.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., for Vancouver.
ESANG, British str., for Swatow.
GUYON, French cruiser, for Japan.
HUM, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
JOHANNE, German str., for Haiphong.
PEKIN, British str., for London.
ROON, German str., for Shanghai.
SACHSE, German str., for Europe.
SHANTUNG, British str., for Calao.
SIAM, British str., for Shanghai.
THOMAS, Norwegian str., for Hongkong.
VILLEHAD, German str., for Yokohama.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

May 9th.
ABERDEEN DOCKS.—
KOWLOON DOCKS—U.S.S. Barry, U.S.S. Bainbridge, Brand, Longue, Alt., Swift, etc., Amiral de Beaufort, Hopalong, Requin, Rue.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Heim.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE," Captain Schipper, will be despatched for the above Ports TOMORROW, the 11th inst., at Noon.
The steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1906. [103]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
(Florio and Rabatino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to Aden, Suez, Port Said, Messina, Naples, Leghorn and Genoa, also Venice and Trieste, all Mediterranean, Adriatic, Levantine and South American Ports up to Callao. Taking cargo at through rates to Persian Gulf and Bagdad, also Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Almeria and Malaga.)

THE Steamship
"ISCHIA," Captain Deader, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 11th inst., at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1906. [14]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
Taking cargo at Through Rates to TAWAO, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO, ZAMBOANGA AND MENADO.

THE Steamship
"BORNEO," Captain F. Sembil (ready to load TOMORROW the 11th instant), will leave on SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1906. [5]

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship
"ORANGE BRANCH," 3435 Tons, will be despatched for VLADIVOSTOK about the 1st of May, to be followed by "MAORI KING," "VINE BRANCH," 3443 Tons. For Freight, etc., apply to DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1906. [93]

ON SALE

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, July to December 1905. With INDEX. Price 75c. On sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1906.

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EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 9th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 9th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 10th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHEIPEUS"	On 17th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 23rd May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 31st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEMNON"	On 7th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 7th June.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 20th May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 22nd May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"JASON"	On 5th June.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DEUCALION"	On 19th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 20th June.

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Operating in conjunction with

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA HAMA	"TYDEUS"	On 12th May.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	"STENTOR"	On 10th June.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, and PACIFIC COAST	"YANGTSZE"	On 19th May.
For Freight, apply to—	"KEEMUN"	On 16th June.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [9-10]

Hongkong, 30th April, 1906.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TSINGTAO, CHEFOO & NEWCHIANG	"KALGAN"	On 10th May.
SHANGHAI	"YOCHOW"	On 10th May.
CHINKIANG	"KWANGSE"	On 11th May.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 12th May.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 16th May.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIAH"	On 16th May.
ZAMBANGA, PORT SWAOON, THURSDAY ISLAND,	"TSINAN"	On 30th May.
COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE		
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE		

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	THURSDAY, 10th May, A.M.
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Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	On 26th May.
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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	FREIGHT & PASSENGER.
SILVIA	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 14th May	Pasenger.
Capt. Jager	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
JSTRIA	MARSEILLE and HAMBURG	On 15th May	Freight.
Capt. Girstenbrau	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
C. FEED LAEISZ	MARSEILLE, HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 1st June	Freight.
Capt. Meyerdröck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
SITHONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 3rd June	Freight.
Capt. Brühm	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 14th June	Freight.
Capt. Schmidt	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
ACLIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 23rd June	Freight.
Capt. Schuselko	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
RHENANIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 12th July	Pasenger.
Capt. Förck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)		
VANDALIA	NEW YORK	On 10th May	Freight.
Capt. Haase	[With Liberty to Call at the Makassar Coast.]		

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STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

1906.

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STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

1906.

PRINZ HEINRICH

... WEDNESDAY ... 23rd May

ROON ... WEDNESDAY ... 6th June

PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 20th June

ZIETEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 27th June

GNEISENAU ... WEDNESDAY ... 18th July

BAVARIA ... WEDNESDAY ... 1st August

PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ... WEDNESDAY ... 15th August

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 29th August

SACSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 12th September

Linen can be washed on board.

The Steamship has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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Passenger have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Solace*, with the French mail of the 13th April, left Singapore on Monday, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 14th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 10th March.

The *America Maru*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 16th instant.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	FEB	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Thursday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Saigon		Thursday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Thursday, 10th, 12.15 P.M.
Shanghai		Thursday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy and Straits		Thursday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Tsingtao, Chefoo and Newchwang		Thursday, 10th, 3.00 P.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoochow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Friday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
E. Rickmers		Friday, 11th, 11th,
Printed Matter and Samples		10.00 A.M.
Registration—10.00 A.M.		(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Registration—Kowloon B.O.		10.00 A.M.
No late fee.		
Letters—11.00 A.M.		
Ischia	Friday, 11th	NOON
Hengshan	Friday, 11th	12.15 P.M.
Kwangtung	Friday, 11th	3.00 P.M.
Yunnan	Friday, 11th	3.00 P.M.
Hongkong	Friday, 11th	3.00 P.M.
Rejshari	Friday, 11th	5.00 P.M.
Rubi	Saturday, 12th	11.00 A.M.
Borneo	Saturday, 12th	11.00 A.M.
Heungshan	Saturday, 12th	12.15 P.M.
Gregory Apac	Saturday, 12th	2.00 P.M.
Henzhou	Saturday, 12th	3.00 P.M.
Choyang	Saturday, 12th	5.00 P.M.
Machew	Saturday, 12th	5.00 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kien, 2.30 p.m.
The Great Thurston, World's Master Magician, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Furniture, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kien, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.—May 9th.

Telegraphic Transfer 2/1

Bank Bills, on demand 2/1

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 2/1

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/1

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/1

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 265

Credits, at 4 months' sight 265

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 216

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 514

Credits, 60 days' sight 52

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 157

Bank, on demand 157

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 157

Bank, on demand 157

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 713

Private, 30 days' sight 724

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 103

ON MANILA.—On demand 1023

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 11 p.m.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 127

ON HAIKONG.—On demand 3 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 23 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 61

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate 9.45

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine per tael 50.10

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OPIUM.

May 9th.

Quotations are—Allow net to 1 cent.
Malwa New 450 to per pound
Malwa Old 81000 to " "
Malwa Older 81050 to " "
Malwa V. Old 81190 to " "
Persian fine quality 8100 to " "
Persian extra fine 8100 to " "
Patna New 870 to per cheet
Patna Old 845 to " "
Bamars New 880 to " "
Bamars Old 80 to " "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The T.K.K. str. *America Maru* sailed from Yokohama on the 5th inst., and is expected to arrive at this port on the 16th inst.

The P.M. str. *Monteagle* sailed from San Francisco on the 2nd inst., and the *China* sailed on the 5th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. str. *Salacie* left Singapore on the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Monday, the 3rd April, p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MANUFACTURERS.

The str. *Tydeus* left Singapore on the 1st inst., p.m., and should arrive here on the 10th inst.

The H. A. L. ss. *Andalusia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 4th instant at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Ara Maru* (European Line) left Kobe via Moji and Shanghai for this port on the 3rd inst., and is due here on the 7th inst.

The str. *Azurion* sailed from Astoria on the 29th April, and is due to arrive at this port on the 29th inst.

The str. *Lohian* sailed from New York on the 21st inst. for China and Japan.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s str. *Tremont* left Shanghai on the 8th inst. for Hongkong via Madal.

The steamer *Yangtze* will leave Kobe 11th inst. for Hongkong via Moji, and is due here 19th inst.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Room, for Hongkong from Hamburg, Mr. Philip Soldner and Miss Melita Kessl; from Southampton, Miss Lotte Kay, Messrs. Molynex, H. Watson, H. Craig, Gertrine Carpo, J. Brenner, D. Norcen; from Genoa, Mr. Heldt and Mr. Gust Tiedt; from Naples, Mr. Goo, Mooser; from Penang, Mr. O. Thomé; from Singapore, Messrs. A. v. Kerckhoff, D. Stader, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mr. O. Lind, Dr. Hoehne and A. Schmidt; for Shanghai from Hamburg, Mrs. Vollbrecht, Hans and Friederich Behnig; from Southampton, Messrs. Douglas, E. Gordon Lowder, Mr. and Mrs. A. Trodd, Mr. J. H. Arnott, Mr. Florence Herrocks, Messrs. W. Ellis, M. Goring, J. Gregoire, J. Stahlberg, W. Robert Baron Starke, Mrs. W. Williams, Messrs. C. Stroksosch, I.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, May 9th.

COMPANY.	Paid up.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shai.	\$125	\$85, sellers London, £60.10.
National B. of China A. Shares	25	\$8, buyers
Bell's asbestos E. A.	120.60	\$74, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$7.
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$10, 80¢, sales & buy.
China Provident	\$10	\$10, 90¢, sales
Cotton Mills—		
Evo.	Th. 50	Th. 75.
Hongkong	\$10	\$10, sellers
International	Th. 75	Th. 67.
Lau Kong Mow	Th. 100	Th. 75.
Seychoe	Th. 600	Th. 300.
Dairy Farm—	\$5	\$16, buyers
Docks and Wharves—		
Evans & B. Co.	Th. 100	Th. 110.
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$104, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$161, sellers
New Andy Dock	\$68	\$17, buyers
S'hai & H. Wharf	Th. 100	Th. 2.5.
Fowick & Co., Guo...	\$25	\$22, sellers
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$10, 90¢, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas...	\$10	\$175, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$17, sellers
De New...	\$10	\$16, sellers
H. H. L. Trauwaya	\$100	\$135, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$60	\$132, sales
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$245, buyers
Hongkong Kope Co.	\$10	\$22, sellers
Hongkong Waterboat	\$10	\$10, 90¢, sales
Insurances—		
Canton	\$50	\$55, buyers
China Fire	\$20	\$86, sellers
China Traders	\$25	Normal.
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$160, sellers
North China	\$25	Th. 57, a.d.
Union...	\$100	\$784, buyers
Yangtze	\$90	\$175.
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$119, buyers
Humphry's Estate	\$10	\$114, buyers
Kwok-fun Land & B.	\$80	\$150.
Shanghai Land...	Ths. 60	Ths. 110.
West Point Building	\$60	\$55, sales
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Frs. 250	\$400.
Raubs	Fr. 10	\$3.
Philippine Co.	10	\$54.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$173, sellers
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$25.
Steamship Companies		
China and Manila	\$25	\$20, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$44, buyers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$25, sellers
Indo-China S.N.C.	\$10	\$62, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	\$21	\$74, sellers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$32, sales
Do. New...	\$5	\$23, no es
Shanghai & H. Dyoing	\$70	\$60.
South China M.	\$25	\$20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$6.
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$32.
De Belli & Co. Wm.	\$10	\$103, sales & sel.
Watkins	\$10	\$5, sellers
Watson & Co. A. S.	\$10	\$13, sales
United Asbestos	\$4	\$9.
Do. Founders...	\$10	\$160.

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